

**S2 Fig.** Distribution of hospital connections k of each hospital in the suspected-HAI network and the average strength s(k) or number of patient transfers as a function of degree. The number of patient transfers and number of hospital connections were highly positively correlated (r = 0.95). The best-fitting power law model was  $s(k)=k^{1.36}$  (dashed line). The curves for s(k)=k (dotted line) and s(k)=10\*k (dash-dot line) are shown for comparison.